

Greenway Commission Work Session

September 13, 2012

Attending: Susan Barlow, Marcia Bromberg, Jim Grode, Glen Locascio, Stephen Jones, Mary Weber, Chris Pelly, Mariate Echeverry, Martha McGlohon, Barb Mee. Group introduced themselves and shared what they believe to be true about greenways.

Defining a Greenway

The Commission collectively developed the following definition of greenways:

Greenways are connected pathway systems that provide non-motorized transportation options, environmental benefits, opportunities for active recreation and health, economic development and community building.

Greenway Commission Mission Statement

The Commission worked on developing a mission statement based on previously developed objectives and a first draft developed by Jim. Several second drafts were offered, including the following:

The mission of the GC is to collaborate with staff to advise city council on appropriate ways to implement a comprehensive greenway system, educate public and other stakeholders on the benefits of greenways, advocate for adequate and strategic funding of greenways, and work with partners to promote regional connectivity.

The mission of the GC is to collaborate with staff to advise city council on the implementation of a comprehensive system of greenways and integration of that system with other city and county multimodal plans and strategies; to educate stakeholders on the benefits of greenways, promote their increased use, and develop partnerships to strengthen support for greenways; and to advocate for adequate funding of greenways.

Sue Barlow has gathered these second drafts and will combine the best parts of them for a third draft which she will circulate via email before the next meeting.

Goals for 2012-2013

Three primary goals have been identified for the next year as a focus for the commission.

| Goal | Next Steps |
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| 1) Pursue the means to readily add project to the Parks & Rec Master Plan | Meet with the City Council subcommittee to help learn best approach and next steps |
| | Confer with Chris Pelly and Mark Hunt about the best ways to proceed |
| | Provide information to the City Council regarding the plan (advocate) |
| | Clarify the status of the Wilma Dykman plan |
| 2) Create Greenway Commission strategic plan | Research the plans of other advisory commissions |
| | Hold planning retreat? |
| | Review the “true charge” list (of May Work Session) and identify which are visions/purpose, goals, tasks, etc. |
| | Fill in the gaps of the plan; develop goals and tasks not listed in “true charge” |
| 3) Pursue Multimodal Master Plan | Get information from staff on the process and funding needs |
| | Provide information to council (advocate) |
| | Seek funding opportunities and partnerships |

August Meeting Minutes

Sue made a motion, Marcia seconded the motion, and all voted to approve the August meeting minutes.